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ADDRESS.

The loyal people of the United States of all classes, without distinction as to race or color, feeling an admiration and gratitude for the patriotism, services, and noble character of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States, who fell a martyr to the cause of Liberty and Humanity, have for some time been desirous of expressing their appreciation of his noble services and sublime character in a manner worthy of the American name, and which would commemorate in the most fitting way the great charter of Emancipation and Liberty in our land. In order to make effectual such a desire, Congress passed a law, which was approved by the President, incorporating the "NATIONAL LINCOLN MONUMENT ASSOCIATION," whose duty it should be under a proper organization, with rules and regulations, to proceed to collect funds and make all necessary plans and arrangements to erect a suitable monument to that GREAT AND GOOD MAN, somewhere within the public grounds in the City of Washington.

Let the monument we propose to rear in the capital of this great and redeemed nation go up under the care of all our people, and by the contributions of all.

Let all who are happier, wiser, or more secure in person or property in consequence of the virtue and patriotism of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, contribute to his memory; let each give something to commemorate the devotion to Country and Liberty that inspired the great soul of our Martyred President, and caused him to live and act for his country and the noblest ends and highest good of humanity.

Let the citizen whose earnest co-operation at home gave strength to our cause; the soldier and sailor who fought on land and sea to uphold "the dear old flag" during our great conflict, now happily closed; the freedman whose chains have fallen in part through the instrumentality of the great and good man whose virtues we in this manner propose to commemorate—let each and all do themselves the honor to contribute something to this noble object, so that when the work shall be completed it shall be eminently national, and a source of pride and glory to our country and an honor to all our people. And, let the work be promptly done.

JAMES HARLAN, PRESIDENT.

J. M. EDMUNDS, Secretary.

JOHN F. DRIGGS, Vice President.
F. E. SPINNER, Treasurer.

MANAGERS.

FRANCIS THOMAS,
MATTHEW SIMPSON,
RICHARD YATES,
ALEXANDER W. RANDALL,
BURT VAN HORN,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
NATHANIEL G. TAYLOR,
SIDNEY PERHAM,
SAMUEL SHELLABARGER,
JOHN CONNESS,
O. O HOWARD,
HENRY D. COOKE,
FREDERICK DOUGLASS,
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

NATIONAL LINCOLN

MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

AN ACT to Incorporate the Lincoln Monument Association.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alexander W. Randall, James Harlan, Alexander Ramsey, Nathaniel P. Banks, Sidney Perham, John Conness, John T. Wilson, Godlove S. Orth, Delos R. Ashley, Halbert E. Paine, Charles O'Neill, Burt Van Horn, John F. Driggs, Frederick E. Woodbridge, Jacob Benton, John Hill, Shelby M. Cullom, Thomas A. Jenckes, Orin S. Ferry, N. B. Smithers, Francis Thomas, Samuel McKee, Horace Maynard, John F. Benjamin, Rufus Mallory, Sidney Clarke, Daniel Polsley, Walter A. Burleigh, John Taffe, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the Lincoln Monument Association, for the purpose of erecting a monument in the City of Washington, commemorative of the great character of emancipation and universal liberty in America.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons named in the first section of this act shall be the first trustees of the corporation, and shall have power to fill vacancies in their number, and to add to their number, not exceeding one from each State in the Union.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to own and control such property as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the association.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to collect money, and to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary or expedient.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to appoint a president, a vice presi-

dent, a secretary, a treasurer, and also a board of managers, consisting of not less than seven nor more than thirteen, who shall have a general control of the affairs of the association, and who may be selected from persons not included in the list of corporators. The treasurer shall execute a bond in such penalty as may be required, conditioned for the safe-keeping of the funds of the corporation which may come into his hands, and for the faithful discharge of the duties required of him.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the property of said corporation held or occupied by them for the uses and purposes of their incorporation, shall be exempt from all taxes to be levied under the authority of the United States or of any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter repeal, alter, or amend this act.

Approved March 30, 1867.

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MEETING OF CORPORATORS.

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At a meeting of the corporators named in the foregoing Act, held at the room of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C., on the 30th day of March, A. D., 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Hon. SIDNEY PERHAM, of Maine, was called to the chair, and Hon. BURT VAN HORN, of New-York, was appointed Secretary.

On motion a committee of five was appointed to

present a plan of organization. The following gentlemen were named as such committee:

Hon. JOHN F. DRIGGS, of Michigan,
" JACOB BENTON, of New Hampshire,
" WALTER A. BURLEIGH, of Dacota,
" JAMES HARLAN, of Iowa,
" SIDNEY PERHAM, of Maine.

The Association then adjourned, to meet again on the evening of the same day to hear and consider the report of the committee.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

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The Association assembled in pursuance of adjournment, at 7 o'clock P. M., on the day above named.

The committee recommended the following named gentlemen for officers of the Association:

OFFICERS.

For President—Hon. JAMES HARLAN, of Iowa.

For Vice President—Hon. JOHN F. DRIGGS, of Michigan.

For Secretary—Hon. JAMES M. EDMUNDS, of District of Columbia.

For Treasurer—Hon. FRANCIS E. SPINNER, of District of Columbia.

FOR MANAGERS.

Hon. FRANCIS THOMAS, of Maryland.
" SIDNEY PERHAM, of Maine.
" HENRY D. COOKE, of D. C.
Rev. MATTHEW SIMPSON, of Penn.
Hon. RICHARD YATES, of Illinois.
" ALEX. W. RANDALL, of D. C.
" BURT VAN HORN, of New-York.
" SCHUYLER COLFAX, of Indiana.
" NATHANIEL G. TAYLOR, of Tenn.
" FREDERICK DOUGLASS, of New-York.
Maj. Gen. O. O. HOWARD, of Maine.
Hon. SAMUEL SHELLABARGER, of Ohio.
" JOHN CONNESS, of California.
" GEO. H. WILLIAMS, of Oregon.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted by vote of the Association.

On motion the following By-Laws were adopted:

1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be on the second Wednesday of January in each year, in the city of Washington, D. C., at which time the Board of Managers, by the Treasurer and Secretary, shall submit a full report of receipts and expenditures, and of all their action in behalf of said Association; and, at such annual meeting, the election of officers for the ensuing year shall take place. Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President, whenever required by five or more of the Managers.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer of this Association to perform all duties pertaining to their places respectively, under the direction of the Board of Managers.

3. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds to the Association for the safe-keeping and faithful delivery of all funds which shall come into his hands as such officer, as from time to time directed, which bond, when approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of

Columbia, shall be deposited with the President of the Association.

4. It shall be, and is made the duty of the Managers, to take all necessary and proper steps to raise money for the objects of the Association, and attend to the general management of its affairs.

The following resolutions were also adopted by the Association.

Resolved, That each Post Master be constituted an agent to solicit and receive such donations as the friends of the late President LINCOLN may be willing to contribute, and to forward the same to the Treasurer, at the same time notifying the Secretary by letter of the amount so transmitted.

Resolved, That all officers of the Government—civil, military and naval—be, and they are hereby requested to make a donation to aid in the erection of the proposed monument, and to forward the same to the Treasurer direct, or through some Post Master, taking his receipt therefor, which receipt should be forwarded to the Secretary at Washington, D. C.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers is hereby authorized to fix the salary of the Secretary, but no other officer of the Association shall receive compensation other than for actual expenses incurred in the execution of his duties.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure for this Association a suitable seal, which shall be used upon all official papers of the Corporation, and shall bear upon it the following words: "National Lincoln Monument Association, Washington, D. C."

Resolved, That the first meeting of the Board of Managers be called by the President of this Association, when in his judgment a meeting should be held, and that at all meetings of said Board five members may constitute a quorum for business.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting cause to be published the act of incorporation, and so much of the proceedings of this Association as may be necessary to place its objects and the fact of its organization before the country, and to request all loyal papers to publish the same.

On motion the Association adjourned.

JAMES HARLAN, President.

BURT VAN HORN, Secretary *pro. tem.*

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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Pursuant to the call of the President, the Board of Managers assembled on the 13th day of July, 1867, at the rooms of the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, and upon being called to order the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That an appeal to the people of the United States be made for funds to carry out the objects of the Association; that such appeal be accompanied with a printed copy of the Act of Incorporation, and a full statement of the proceedings of the Association; and that the Secretary be directed to cause a copy of the same to be placed in the hands of each Post Master, Revenue Officer, Pension Agent, Member of Congress, United States Senator, the President of each National Bank, the officers of each Union League, the officers of each Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, each Head of Department of the National Government, the Mayor of each City and Chief officer of each Incorporated Town, each officer of the Army and Navy and of the Freedman's Bureau, and of such other Organizations or Associations as will act as agents to solicit, receive and forward donations in aid of the objects of the Association.

Resolved, That application be made for an appropriation of captured Ordnance from which to construct the bronze figures to be used in the construction of the monument.

Resolved, That the Washington City Lincoln Monument Association be requested to unite its funds with those of this Association, and that the President communicate this resolution to said Association.

Resolved, That agents, individuals and associations, on the receipt of these proceedings and the address of the Officers and Managers accompanying the same, be requested to act with promptness and energy in soliciting subscriptions, and to forward the sums collected on the first of each succeeding month, until and including the month of January, 1868, when a full report of receipts will be published.

Resolved, That we appeal to the loyal newspapers of the country to lay before its millions of readers the proceedings of this Association, and to aid with its powerful voice the undertaking we have entered upon.

SPECIAL MEMORANDA.

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1. That each person receiving a copy of this address and accompanying proceedings, will promptly endeavor to collect and forward a specific sum, be it $5, $10, $20, $50 or $100 or more, according to the facilities he may have and the number and ability of the persons he can readily apply to.

2. That the sums so collected be forwarded by Postal or other draft on the first of each month to Hon. FRANCIS E. SPINNER, Treasurer of National Lincoln Monument Association, Washington, D. C. A duplicate receipt or letter stating the amount so forwarded should be sent to the Secretary of said Association.

3. Let the subscriptions be taken on the blank leaves herewith, each marked paid, the books carefully preserved and forwarded to be bound in volumes and deposited in the monument when completed.

4. Every person holding a subscription book is requested to report to the Secretary on the first of January, 1868, his aggregate collections to that date.

5. Only those are constituted agents who present the regular subscription books of the Association, of which this is one, and all of which are alike.

6. The officers of organized bodies or associations to whom subscription books may be sent, are requested to designate proper persons to solicit subscriptions to be returned as the contribution of such organization.

7. Each subscription book will be verified by the signature of the President and Secretary.

CERTIFICATE.

OFFICE NATIONAL LINCOLN MONUMENT ASSOCIATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 23, 1867.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Act of Congress incorporating this Association, and of the proceedings of the Association and Board of Managers of the same.

JAMES HARLAN, PRESIDENT.

J. M. EDMUNDS, Secretary.

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